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Mountain State MiniStatistic

Payroll employment in West Virginia rose 6,800 in April to 629,600--the highest April level since 1980. The number of payroll jobs in the state has increased by 5,000 over the past year.

Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force in West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*	*Prelim. Apr. '92*	*Revised Mar. '92*	*Revised Apr. '91*	*Change from: Mar. 1992*	*Apr. 1991*
Civilian Labor Force	740.0	736.0	731.2	4.0	8.8
Total Employment	678.8	671.2	674.4	7.6	4.4
Total Unemployment	61.2	64.8	56.8	-3.6	4.4
Unemployment Rate	8.3	8.8	7.8	xx	xx
BLS Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*					
Civilian Labor Force	776.5	781.5	774.9	-5.0	1.6
Total Employment	688.4	680.7	695.9	7.7	-7.5
Total Unemployment	88.1	100.7	79.1	-12.6	9.0
Unemployment Rate	11.3	12.9	10.2	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment in West Virginia increased 7,600 during the month to an estimated 678,800 in mid-April. Spring seasonal hirings are responsible for much of the improvement. This April's employment shows a 4,400 increase in West Virginians at work compared with twelve months ago.

Carried by a strong seasonal upswing in construction, the goods-producing sector of nonfarm payroll employment expanded 3,300 in April. General building contractors added 700, heavy construction 1,300, and special trade contractors 900. Manufacturing experienced numerous small gains that added up to an increase of 600 altogether. Crosscurrents remained evident, however, as mining slid another 200 to 31,700.

Employment grew in service-producing industries in April as well. The spring tourism season helped spark increases of 800 in amusements within services, and another 800 in restaurants within trade. Other seasonal increases occurred in agricultural services (+200) and building materials and garden supply stores (+300). Services registered a gain of 1,700, as all but one component added employees or remained unchanged. Government gained 400, largely as a result of seasonal increases at public parks.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed state residents improved 3,600 to a mid-April figure of 61,200. This represented an unemployment rate of 8.3 percent for the month, down from 8.8 last month but above the 7.8 rate of April 1991. Unemployment normally declines between March and April.

West Virginia Economic Indicators

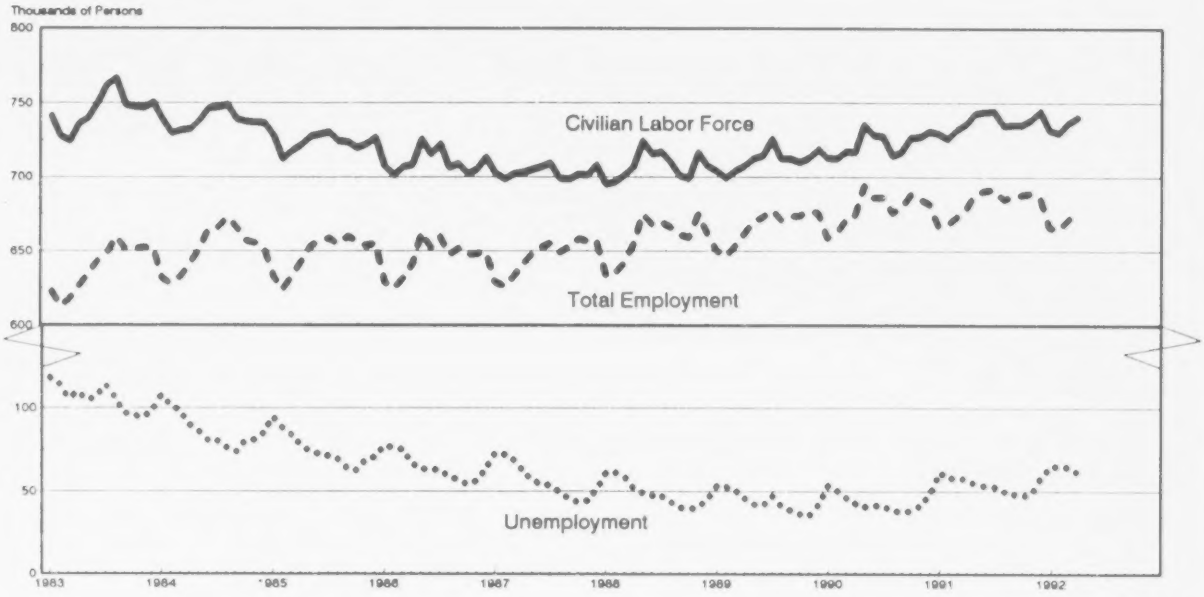
	Apr. 1992	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1991
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.8	40.6	40.5
Seasonally Adjusted	40.9	40.7	40.6
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,553	2,518	2,510
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$497.35	$485.58	$473.04
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	45.0	44.0	43.9
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$817.65	$799.04	$806.88
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	13,981	14,585	13,435
Seasonally Adjusted	13,659	14,148	13,125
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,116	1,168	1,065
Seasonally Adjusted	1,122	1,085	1,071
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	4,299	4,526	4,224
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,240	1,242	1,168
Seasonally Adjusted	1,303	1,360	1,227
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	2,016	1,841	1,983
Seasonally Adjusted	2,322	2,058	2,284
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	4.3	4.9	3.9
Seasonally Adjusted	3.7	3.8	3.5
Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted			
WV Series	7.9	7.7	7.4
BLS Series	11.6	12.6	10.4

Selected National Data

	Apr. 1992	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1991
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	7.1	7.7	6.5
Seasonally Adjusted	7.2	7.3	6.6
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	139.5	139.3	135.2
1967 Base	417.9	417.2	405.1
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods Unadjusted, 1982 Base	122.2	122.0	121.1
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	366.5	416.8	461.7
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	3.3	3.7	3.5
Seasonally Adjusted	3.2	3.1	3.3
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	$361.15	$361.87	$350.20
Average Weekly Hours	34.2	34.3	34.0
Average Hourly Earnings	$10.56	$10.55	$10.30

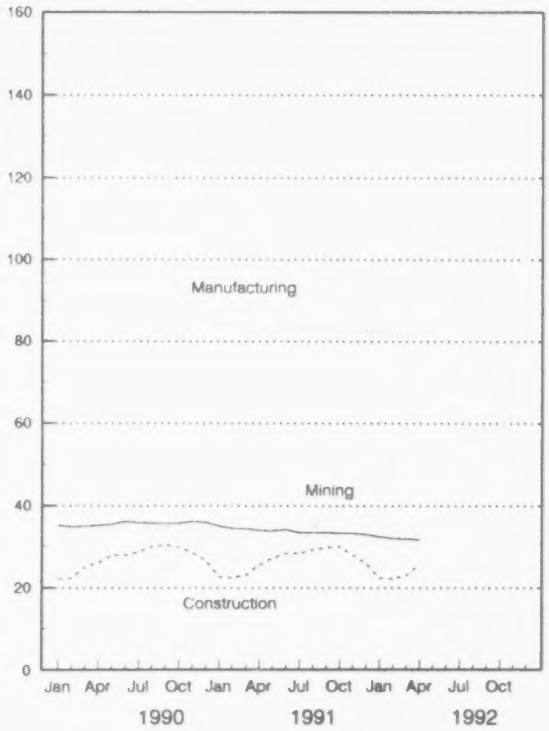
Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Total Employment, Unemployment and Civilian Labor Force



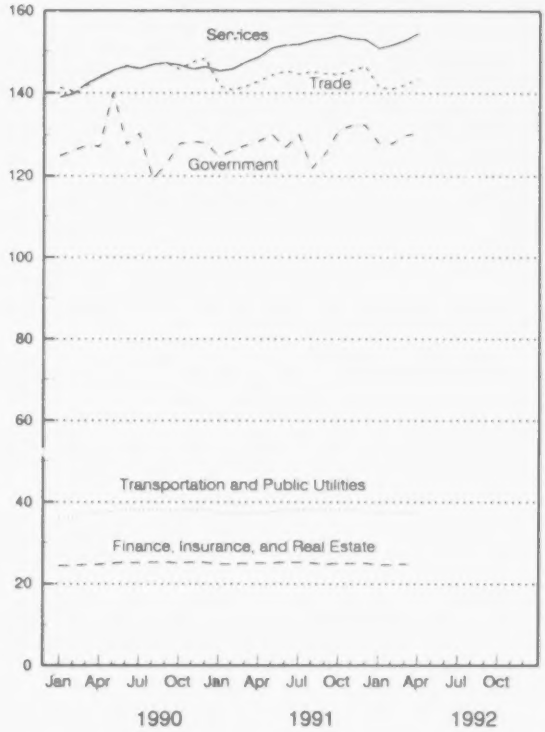
Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Service Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr.'92	Revised Mar.'92	Revised Apr.'91	Change From: Mar. 1992	Change From: Apr. 1991
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	629.7	622.9	624.6	6.8	5.1
PRIVATE SECTOR	499.4	493.1	496.3	6.3	3.1
GOODS-PRODUCING	139.5	136.2	142.4	3.3	-2.9
Mining	31.7	31.9	34.0	-0.2	-2.3
Coal Mining	26.6	26.8	28.6	-0.2	-2.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.1	4.1	4.4	0.0	-0.3
Other Mining	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	25.8	22.9	25.6	2.9	0.2
General Building Contractors	6.6	5.9	6.5	0.7	0.1
Heavy Construction	7.3	6.0	7.2	1.3	0.1
Special Trade Contractors	11.9	11.0	11.9	0.9	0.0
Manufacturing	82.0	81.4	82.8	0.6	-0.8
Durable Goods	45.1	44.7	45.4	0.4	-0.3
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.9	7.9	7.3	0.0	0.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.0	6.9	7.1	0.1	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	13.0	12.9	13.4	0.1	-0.4
Fabricated Metal Products	5.7	5.6	5.4	0.1	0.3
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	4.8	4.8	5.6	0.0	-0.8
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
Transportation Equipment	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.2	2.3	0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	36.9	36.7	37.4	0.2	-0.5
Food & Kindred Products	4.1	4.1	4.0	0.0	0.1
Textile Mill Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.0	3.9	4.0	0.1	0.0
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	5.1	5.1	5.1	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	16.9	16.8	17.6	0.1	-0.7
Other Nondurable Goods	4.8	4.8	4.7	0.0	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	490.2	486.7	482.2	3.5	8.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.2	37.2	37.2	0.0	0.0
Railroad Transportation	3.7	3.7	3.9	0.0	-0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	9.7	9.7	9.6	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	3.5	3.5	3.3	0.0	0.2
Communications	8.1	8.1	8.1	0.0	0.0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.2	12.2	12.3	0.0	-0.1
Trade	143.4	142.1	142.9	1.3	0.5
Wholesale Trade	29.7	29.8	30.1	-0.1	-0.4
Retail Trade	113.7	112.3	112.8	1.4	0.9
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	4.9	4.6	4.8	0.3	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	16.3	16.3	15.1	0.0	1.2
Food Stores	22.1	22.0	22.3	0.1	-0.2
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.3	14.3	14.4	0.0	-0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.7	4.7	5.7	0.0	-1.0
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.3	4.2	4.3	0.1	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	35.0	34.2	34.6	0.8	0.4
Miscellaneous Retail	12.1	12.0	11.6	0.1	0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.8	24.8	25.0	0.0	-0.2
Finance	14.0	14.0	14.0	0.0	0.0
Insurance	6.7	6.8	6.9	-0.1	-0.2
Real Estate	4.1	4.0	4.1	0.1	0.0
Services	154.5	152.8	148.8	1.7	5.7
Agricultural Services	2.4	2.2	2.4	0.2	0.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	7.8	7.8	7.6	0.0	0.2
Personal Services	6.5	6.5	6.7	0.0	-0.2
Business Services	14.3	14.0	13.8	0.3	0.5
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.7	5.7	5.5	0.0	0.2
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	6.0	5.2	6.0	0.8	0.0
Health Services	59.5	59.1	56.7	0.4	2.8
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.9	10.8	10.4	0.1	0.5
Hospitals	29.7	29.6	28.3	0.1	1.4
Other Health Services	18.9	18.7	18.0	0.2	0.9
Legal Services	4.2	4.2	4.0	0.0	0.2
Educational Services	6.5	6.5	6.0	0.0	0.5
Social Services	13.1	13.1	12.3	0.0	0.8
Membership Organizations	19.5	19.6	19.5	-0.1	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	8.1	8.0	7.5	0.1	0.6
Government	130.3	129.8	128.3	0.5	2.0
Federal	17.4	17.0	16.8	0.4	0.6
Hospitals	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.1
U S Postal Service	5.2	5.1	5.0	0.1	0.2
Other Federal	9.0	8.7	8.7	0.3	0.3
State	41.2	41.5	40.1	-0.3	1.1
Hospitals	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	0.1
Education	19.7	19.9	19.2	-0.2	0.5
Other State	19.0	19.1	18.5	-0.1	0.5
Local	71.7	71.3	71.4	0.4	0.3
Hospitals	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0
Education	45.5	45.5	45.8	0.0	-0.3
Other Local	21.2	20.8	20.6	0.4	0.6
Labor-Management Dispute Status	1.8	1.8	2.0	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr.'92	*Revised Mar.'92*	*Revised Apr.'91*	*Change From: Mar. 1992*	*Apr. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	285.0	282.4	277.4	2.6	7.6
PRIVATE SECTOR	216.3	213.4	209.9	2.9	6.4
GOODS-PRODUCING	23.6	23.0	23.6	0.6	0.0
Mining	2.0	1.9	2.0	0.1	0.0
Coal Mining	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.1	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.2	2.2	2.1	0.0	0.1
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.1
Special Trade Contractors	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	19.4	18.9	19.5	0.5	-0.1
Durable Goods	7.2	7.2	7.4	0.0	-0.2
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.2	2.1	2.1	0.1	0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.0	-0.2
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Transportation Equipment	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.7	0.8	0.8	-0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	12.2	11.7	12.1	0.5	0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.5	3.4	3.4	0.1	0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.0
Printing & Publishing	2.0	1.9	1.9	0.1	0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	2.8	2.6	3.0	0.2	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	261.4	259.4	253.8	2.0	7.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.2	8.1	7.8	0.1	0.4
Trucking & Warehousing	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1
Communications	3.9	3.9	3.6	0.0	0.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Trade	68.2	67.2	66.4	1.0	1.8
Wholesale Trade	6.2	6.1	5.8	0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	62.0	61.1	60.6	0.9	1.4
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.8	0.9	0.9	-0.1	-0.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.6	11.6	10.3	0.0	1.3
Food Stores	11.7	11.6	11.6	0.1	0.1
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.6	3.5	3.5	0.1	0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	3.9	3.9	4.8	0.0	-0.9
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.5	1.4	1.5	0.1	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	20.8	20.2	20.1	0.6	0.7
Miscellaneous Retail	8.1	8.0	7.9	0.1	0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.5	15.5	15.6	0.0	-0.1
Finance	10.9	10.9	11.0	0.0	-0.1
Insurance	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.1
Real Estate	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.0	-0.1
Services	100.8	99.6	96.5	1.2	4.3
Agricultural Services	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.3	4.2	4.0	0.1	0.3
Personal Services	4.4	4.3	4.2	0.1	0.2
Business Services	7.4	7.2	6.8	0.2	0.6
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.9	2.5	2.7	0.4	0.2
Health Services	48.9	48.3	46.7	0.6	2.2
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.9	9.5	9.2	0.4	0.7
Hospitals	24.4	24.3	23.5	0.1	0.9
Other Health Services	14.6	14.5	14.0	0.1	0.6
Legal Services	3.4	3.3	3.2	0.1	0.2
Educational Services	3.4	3.5	3.4	-0.1	0.0
Social Services	9.5	9.4	9.0	0.1	0.5
Membership Organizations	11.2	11.6	11.6	-0.4	-0.4
Engineering & Management Services	3.0	2.9	2.6	0.1	0.4
Government	68.7	69.0	67.5	-0.3	1.2
Federal	7.4	7.3	7.4	0.1	0.0
Hospitals	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Other Federal	4.2	4.1	4.3	0.1	-0.1
State	20.3	20.4	19.6	-0.1	0.7
Hospitals	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Education	10.9	10.8	10.2	0.1	0.7
Other State	7.7	7.9	7.7	-0.2	0.0
Local	41.0	41.3	40.5	-0.3	0.5
Hospitals	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.0	0.0
Education	29.4	29.7	29.2	-0.3	0.2
Other Local	7.4	7.4	7.1	0.0	0.3

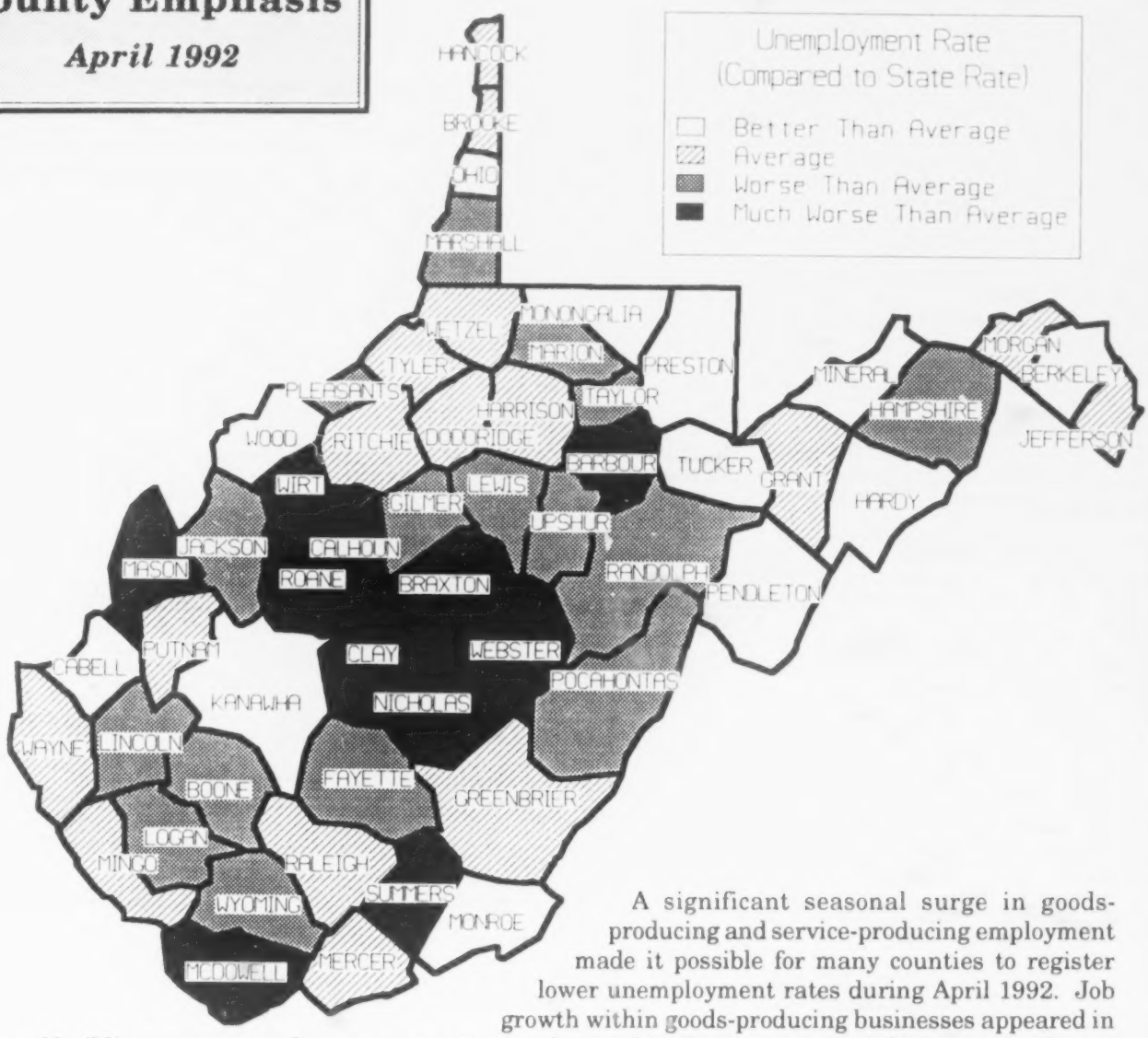
Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia Production and Nonsupervisory Workers

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr.'92	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*	*Apr.'92*	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*	*Apr.'92*	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	$365.10	$356.53	$360.00	35.9	35.3	36.0	$10.17	$10.10	$10.00
Mining	767.18	753.80	757.33	44.5	43.8	43.6	17.24	17.21	17.37
Coal Mining	817.65	799.04	806.88	45.0	44.0	43.9	18.17	18.16	18.38
Oil & Gas Extraction	468.29	484.76	443.15	40.3	42.3	41.3	11.62	11.46	10.73
Other Mining	509.20	442.37	514.13	47.5	42.7	45.7	10.72	10.36	11.25
Construction	531.42	489.60	560.96	36.7	34.0	39.7	14.48	14.40	14.13
Manufacturing	497.35	485.58	473.04	40.8	40.6	40.5	12.19	11.96	11.68
Durable Goods	500.11	494.36	475.83	41.4	41.3	40.6	12.08	11.97	11.72
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	313.96	311.48	296.27	40.2	40.4	40.2	7.81	7.71	7.37
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	472.06	444.53	468.25	40.8	39.2	38.1	11.57	11.34	12.29
Primary Metals Industries	674.08	660.98	611.06	43.8	43.6	42.2	15.39	15.16	14.48
Fabricated Metal Products	462.58	459.31	422.58	40.4	40.9	39.2	11.45	11.23	10.78
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	500.91	503.36	477.90	41.5	41.6	40.5	12.07	12.10	11.80
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	567.67	593.97	580.25	43.4	43.9	44.6	13.08	13.53	13.01
Transportation Equipment	505.94	512.37	515.00	41.0	40.6	44.9	12.34	12.62	11.47
Nondurable Goods	494.83	474.81	468.29	40.1	39.7	40.3	12.34	11.96	11.62
Food & Kindred Products	378.49	371.33	373.07	39.1	38.6	38.5	9.68	9.62	9.69
Textile Mill Products	242.96	265.18	245.75	32.7	38.1	36.9	7.43	6.96	6.66
Apparel & Other Textile Products	208.82	216.00	212.53	36.7	37.5	35.9	5.69	5.76	5.92
Paper & Allied Products	387.54	357.06	313.33	43.3	40.3	41.5	8.95	8.86	7.55
Printing & Publishing	328.66	310.94	348.07	33.4	32.8	36.6	9.84	9.48	9.51
Chemicals & Allied Products	797.07	746.71	710.03	46.1	44.5	44.6	17.29	16.78	15.92
Transportation & Public Utilities	504.71	494.48	515.84	41.1	40.3	41.6	12.28	12.27	12.40
Trucking & Warehousing	419.08	396.02	412.55	44.3	42.4	42.4	9.46	9.34	9.73
Communications	501.20	487.15	508.82	35.8	36.3	39.2	14.00	13.42	12.98
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	652.75	651.29	677.38	43.2	42.1	44.1	15.11	15.47	15.36
Trade	241.39	238.64	238.93	32.1	31.4	31.9	7.52	7.60	7.49
Wholesale Trade	467.41	463.85	449.92	41.4	40.3	40.1	11.29	11.51	11.22
Retail Trade	185.65	182.21	185.06	29.8	29.2	29.8	6.23	6.24	6.21
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	275.49	259.31	277.03	40.1	37.8	40.8	6.87	6.86	6.79
General Merchandise Stores	197.28	189.28	196.91	29.8	29.3	29.0	6.62	6.46	6.79
Food Stores	193.30	183.82	182.90	29.2	27.6	28.4	6.62	6.66	6.44
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	257.87	268.92	277.49	34.2	36.0	36.9	7.54	7.47	7.52
Apparel & Accessory Stores	146.06	143.92	142.84	27.2	26.9	26.8	5.37	5.35	5.33
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	280.91	290.11	293.04	36.2	36.4	36.0	7.76	7.97	8.14
Eating & Drinking Places	130.25	125.87	126.14	26.8	25.9	26.5	4.86	4.86	4.76
Miscellaneous Retail	191.77	190.22	193.37	30.2	29.4	30.5	6.35	6.47	6.34
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	324.49	315.98	307.80	37.6	37.0	36.0	8.63	8.54	8.55
Finance	270.03	268.63	249.22	37.4	36.9	35.2	7.22	7.28	7.08
Insurance	473.22	454.96	458.88	39.6	38.2	38.4	11.95	11.91	11.95
Real Estate	306.87	286.84	300.19	35.6	35.9	35.4	8.62	7.99	8.48
Services	293.78	287.80	280.36	34.2	33.7	34.4	8.59	8.54	8.15
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	240.30	234.63	254.62	30.0	29.7	30.9	8.01	7.90	8.24
Personal Services	240.77	221.33	221.33	34.2	32.5	34.8	7.04	6.81	6.36
Business Services	231.98	228.87	238.93	32.4	32.1	33.7	7.16	7.13	7.09
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	351.52	332.35	325.65	39.9	38.6	39.0	8.81	8.61	8.35
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	180.24	165.76	159.07	28.7	25.9	26.6	6.28	6.40	5.98
Health Services	336.72	333.04	321.53	36.8	36.8	37.3	9.15	9.05	8.62
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	200.31	194.72	195.39	34.3	33.4	34.4	5.84	5.83	5.68
Hospitals	406.07	396.92	384.33	38.6	38.8	38.9	10.52	10.23	9.88
Other Health Services	300.26	306.92	293.10	35.2	35.4	36.5	8.53	8.67	8.03
Legal Services	429.26	424.15	395.96	39.6	38.7	38.0	10.84	10.96	10.42
Social Services	212.28	204.10	184.49	30.9	30.6	30.8	6.87	6.67	5.99
Engineering & Management Services	481.92	477.20	414.47	40.6	39.8	38.2	11.87	11.99	10.85

The above figures represent the hours and earnings of more than 400,000 private sector production and nonsupervisory workers in West Virginia. Comparable totals for the United States appear at the bottom of page 3. Additional industry detail for the United States and for other states is available upon request.

County Emphasis

April 1992



A significant seasonal surge in goods-producing and service-producing employment made it possible for many counties to register lower unemployment rates during April 1992. Job growth within goods-producing businesses appeared in general building contractors, heavy construction, and special trade contractors, while service-producing gains materialized in amusements, restaurants, and retail trade. Absorbing the benefits of this seasonal employment expansion likewise enabled a number of counties to produce unemployment rates considered better than average. Counties within this group are Berkeley (7.2), Preston (7.1), Tucker (7.1), Mineral (6.9), Wood (6.8), Cabell (6.6), Kanawha (6.1), Ohio (5.7), Monroe (5.4), Hardy (4.9), Monongalia (4.2), and Pendleton (3.5).

Although a majority of counties observed declining unemployment rates during the month, several continue to struggle through the remainder of a recessionary economy and record rates considered much worse than average when compared to the state rate. Included in this group are Calhoun (19.9), Roane (16.0), Barbour (15.9), Wirt (15.4), Braxton (15.0), Webster (14.4), McDowell (14.0), Clay (13.7), Nicholas (13.5), Mason (13.0), and Summers (13.0).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

April 1992

(Revised March 1992 in parentheses)

These Labor Force Statistics Were Designed To Be Used For Economic Analysis

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	4,350	(4,350)	3,660	(3,600)	690	(750)	15.9	(17.3)
Berkeley	30,230	(29,910)	28,060	(27,620)	2,170	(2,290)	7.2	(7.6)
Boone	8,470	(8,440)	7,620	(7,530)	850	(910)	10.0	(10.8)
Braxton	5,210	(5,230)	4,430	(4,370)	780	(860)	15.0	(16.4)
Brooke	9,920	(9,760)	9,060	(8,900)	850	(860)	8.6	(8.8)
Cabell	43,330	(43,150)	40,470	(39,990)	2,860	(3,160)	6.6	(7.3)
Calhoun	2,860	(2,790)	2,290	(2,240)	570	(550)	19.9	(19.7)
Clay	3,160	(3,150)	2,720	(2,640)	430	(520)	13.7	(16.4)
Doddridge	2,400	(2,440)	2,210	(2,200)	190	(240)	7.8	(9.8)
Fayette	17,100	(17,240)	15,410	(15,340)	1,690	(1,900)	9.9	(11.0)
Gilmer	3,290	(2,960)	2,970	(2,670)	330	(300)	9.9	(10.0)
Grant	4,730	(4,610)	4,380	(4,210)	350	(410)	7.4	(8.8)
Greenbrier	15,010	(15,000)	13,660	(13,310)	1,340	(1,690)	8.9	(11.2)
Hampshire	6,960	(6,860)	6,260	(6,040)	700	(820)	10.1	(11.9)
Hancock	13,120	(12,870)	12,140	(11,920)	980	(950)	7.5	(7.4)
Hardy	5,720	(5,620)	5,440	(5,310)	280	(310)	4.9	(5.5)
Harrison	29,760	(29,610)	27,100	(26,990)	2,660	(2,630)	8.9	(8.9)
Jackson	9,570	(9,630)	8,490	(8,360)	1,090	(1,270)	11.4	(13.2)
Jefferson	18,160	(17,540)	16,650	(15,770)	1,510	(1,770)	8.3	(10.1)
Kanawha	97,870	(97,220)	91,910	(91,050)	5,950	(6,170)	6.1	(6.3)
Lewis	7,340	(7,350)	6,620	(6,510)	720	(840)	9.8	(11.4)
Lincoln	7,520	(7,560)	6,680	(6,620)	840	(940)	11.1	(12.4)
Logan	12,970	(12,920)	11,740	(11,660)	1,230	(1,260)	9.5	(9.7)
McDowell	6,580	(6,520)	5,660	(5,680)	920	(850)	14.0	(13.0)
Marion	22,370	(22,270)	19,820	(19,810)	2,550	(2,460)	11.4	(11.0)
Marshall	14,660	(14,440)	13,110	(12,920)	1,550	(1,520)	10.6	(10.5)
Mason	9,250	(9,230)	8,050	(8,000)	1,200	(1,230)	13.0	(13.3)
Mercer	26,540	(26,370)	24,500	(24,300)	2,040	(2,060)	7.7	(7.8)
Mineral	10,690	(10,570)	9,950	(9,860)	740	(700)	6.9	(6.7)
Mingo	11,680	(11,630)	10,750	(10,720)	940	(910)	8.0	(7.9)
Monongalia	41,090	(41,120)	39,350	(39,390)	1,730	(1,720)	4.2	(4.2)
Monroe	5,090	(5,060)	4,810	(4,690)	270	(370)	5.4	(7.3)
Morgan	5,220	(5,190)	4,830	(4,740)	390	(440)	7.5	(8.6)
Nicholas	8,880	(8,850)	7,680	(7,590)	1,200	(1,260)	13.5	(14.3)
Ohio	23,550	(23,280)	22,210	(21,900)	1,340	(1,380)	5.7	(5.9)
Pendleton	3,890	(3,870)	3,750	(3,680)	140	(190)	3.5	(5.0)
Pleasants	2,130	(2,130)	1,870	(1,850)	260	(280)	12.3	(13.0)
Pocahontas	4,750	(4,950)	4,210	(4,540)	540	(410)	11.4	(8.3)
Preston	13,200	(13,450)	12,260	(12,270)	940	(1,180)	7.1	(8.8)
Putnam	16,910	(16,840)	15,420	(15,270)	1,490	(1,570)	8.8	(9.3)
Raleigh	28,330	(28,120)	25,770	(25,450)	2,560	(2,670)	9.0	(9.5)
Randolph	11,920	(11,760)	10,750	(10,580)	1,170	(1,170)	9.8	(10.0)
Ritchie	5,220	(5,170)	4,740	(4,650)	480	(520)	9.1	(10.0)
Roane	5,030	(4,970)	4,230	(4,110)	800	(870)	16.0	(17.5)
Summers	4,220	(4,120)	3,680	(3,580)	550	(540)	13.0	(13.2)
Taylor	5,870	(5,830)	5,310	(5,290)	560	(540)	9.6	(9.3)
Tucker	3,840	(4,040)	3,570	(3,650)	270	(390)	7.1	(9.6)
Tyler	4,700	(4,660)	4,340	(4,330)	360	(330)	7.6	(7.1)
Upshur	8,130	(8,230)	7,210	(7,180)	930	(1,050)	11.4	(12.7)
Wayne	15,810	(15,880)	14,520	(14,350)	1,290	(1,540)	8.2	(9.7)
Webster	2,940	(2,890)	2,520	(2,490)	420	(400)	14.4	(14.0)
Wetzel	9,230	(9,240)	8,480	(8,470)	750	(770)	8.1	(8.3)
Wirt	1,850	(1,990)	1,570	(1,750)	290	(240)	15.4	(12.0)
Wood	40,770	(40,520)	38,010	(37,430)	2,770	(3,090)	6.8	(7.6)
Wyoming	6,650	(6,580)	5,900	(5,840)	750	(740)	11.3	(11.3)
Statewide	740,000	(736,000)	678,800	(671,200)	61,200	(64,800)	8.3	(8.8)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(BLS Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

April 1992

(Revised March 1992 in parentheses)

Approved by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to Allocate Federal Funds and Determine Eligibility for Federal Assistance Programs

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	4,700	(4,820)	3,710	(3,650)	990	(1,170)	21.1	(24.2)
Berkeley	31,580	(31,570)	28,460	(28,010)	3,130	(3,560)	9.9	(11.3)
Boone	8,950	(9,050)	7,730	(7,640)	1,220	(1,410)	13.6	(15.6)
Braxton	5,620	(5,770)	4,490	(4,430)	1,130	(1,330)	20.1	(23.1)
Brooke	10,420	(10,370)	9,190	(9,020)	1,230	(1,340)	11.8	(12.9)
Cabell	45,160	(45,470)	41,040	(40,560)	4,120	(4,910)	9.1	(10.8)
Calhoun	3,150	(3,130)	2,330	(2,280)	820	(860)	26.1	(27.3)
Clay	3,390	(3,480)	2,760	(2,680)	630	(800)	18.5	(23.1)
Doddridge	2,510	(2,610)	2,240	(2,230)	270	(370)	10.6	(14.3)
Fayette	18,060	(18,520)	15,620	(15,560)	2,440	(2,960)	13.5	(16.0)
Gilmer	3,480	(3,160)	3,010	(2,710)	470	(460)	13.5	(14.5)
Grant	4,950	(4,900)	4,450	(4,270)	500	(640)	10.1	(13.0)
Greenbrier	15,790	(16,130)	13,860	(13,500)	1,930	(2,620)	12.2	(16.3)
Hampshire	7,350	(7,400)	6,340	(6,130)	1,010	(1,270)	13.7	(17.2)
Hancock	13,720	(13,570)	12,310	(12,090)	1,410	(1,480)	10.3	(10.9)
Hardy	5,920	(5,870)	5,520	(5,390)	400	(480)	6.8	(8.2)
Harrison	31,310	(31,460)	27,480	(27,370)	3,830	(4,090)	12.2	(13.0)
Jackson	10,170	(10,450)	8,610	(8,480)	1,560	(1,970)	15.4	(18.9)
Jefferson	19,060	(18,750)	16,890	(15,990)	2,170	(2,760)	11.4	(14.7)
Kanawha	101,780	(101,940)	93,220	(92,340)	8,570	(9,600)	8.4	(9.4)
Lewis	7,750	(7,900)	6,720	(6,600)	1,030	(1,300)	13.3	(16.4)
Lincoln	7,980	(8,180)	6,770	(6,720)	1,210	(1,460)	15.1	(17.9)
Logan	13,670	(13,780)	11,900	(11,830)	1,770	(1,950)	13.0	(14.2)
McDowell	7,070	(7,070)	5,740	(5,760)	1,320	(1,320)	18.7	(18.6)
Marion	23,770	(23,910)	20,100	(20,090)	3,670	(3,820)	15.4	(16.0)
Marshall	15,530	(15,470)	13,300	(13,110)	2,230	(2,360)	14.4	(15.2)
Mason	9,890	(10,030)	8,160	(8,120)	1,730	(1,910)	17.5	(19.1)
Mercer	27,780	(27,860)	24,850	(24,650)	2,930	(3,210)	10.5	(11.5)
Mineral	11,150	(11,100)	10,090	(10,000)	1,060	(1,100)	9.5	(9.9)
Mingo	12,250	(12,290)	10,900	(10,870)	1,350	(1,420)	11.0	(11.5)
Monongalia	42,410	(42,630)	39,910	(39,950)	2,500	(2,680)	5.9	(6.3)
Monroe	5,280	(5,330)	4,880	(4,760)	390	(570)	7.5	(10.7)
Morgan	5,460	(5,500)	4,900	(4,810)	560	(690)	10.3	(12.5)
Nicholas	9,520	(9,660)	7,790	(7,700)	1,730	(1,970)	18.2	(20.3)
Ohio	24,450	(24,360)	22,530	(22,210)	1,930	(2,150)	7.9	(8.8)
Pendleton	4,000	(4,030)	3,800	(3,730)	200	(300)	4.9	(7.4)
Pleasants	2,270	(2,310)	1,890	(1,880)	380	(430)	16.6	(18.6)
Pocahontas	5,050	(5,240)	4,270	(4,600)	780	(640)	15.5	(12.2)
Preston	13,790	(14,280)	12,430	(12,450)	1,350	(1,830)	9.8	(12.8)
Putnam	17,780	(17,930)	15,640	(15,490)	2,140	(2,440)	12.0	(13.6)
Raleigh	29,820	(29,960)	26,140	(25,810)	3,680	(4,150)	12.4	(13.8)
Randolph	12,580	(12,560)	10,900	(10,740)	1,680	(1,830)	13.4	(14.5)
Ritchie	5,490	(5,520)	4,810	(4,720)	690	(810)	12.5	(14.6)
Roane	5,440	(5,510)	4,290	(4,160)	1,160	(1,350)	21.2	(24.5)
Summers	4,520	(4,470)	3,730	(3,630)	790	(850)	17.4	(18.9)
Taylor	6,190	(6,210)	5,390	(5,360)	810	(840)	13.0	(13.6)
Tucker	4,010	(4,300)	3,620	(3,700)	390	(600)	9.8	(14.0)
Tyler	4,920	(4,910)	4,400	(4,390)	520	(520)	10.5	(10.5)
Upshur	8,640	(8,910)	7,310	(7,280)	1,330	(1,630)	15.4	(18.3)
Wayne	16,580	(16,940)	14,720	(14,550)	1,860	(2,390)	11.2	(14.1)
Webster	3,170	(3,150)	2,560	(2,520)	610	(630)	19.3	(19.9)
Wetzel	9,690	(9,790)	8,600	(8,590)	1,080	(1,200)	11.2	(12.3)
Wirt	2,000	(2,150)	1,590	(1,780)	410	(370)	20.5	(17.3)
Wood	42,530	(42,760)	38,550	(37,960)	3,980	(4,800)	9.4	(11.2)
Wyoming	7,070	(7,070)	5,990	(5,920)	1,080	(1,150)	15.3	(16.3)
Statewide	776,500	(781,500)	688,400	(680,700)	88,100	(100,700)	11.3	(12.9)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

Partnership for Progress Area Unemployment Rates

WV Series / BLS Series ***April 1992***

Seasonal improvement in nonfarm payroll employment, spurred on primarily by the construction and tourist industries, permitted all Partnership for Progress Areas except one to post lower West Virginia Series unemployment rates during April 1992. Only Area 6 remained unchanged for the month but did, however, manage to avoid an expansion of its rate. A moderate retreat in the number of mining jobs statewide provides evidence of the lack of economic vitality yet to be found in this particularly sector, an industry that Area 6 depends on to a great degree. During the thirty-day period the lowest unemployment rate was posted by Area 7 (6.9), while the highest rate was registered by Area 6 (10.1). The greatest declines in the unemployment rate occurred in Area 4 (-1.0), Area 9 (-0.9), Area 5 (-0.8), Area 8 (-0.7), Area 7 (-0.5) and Area 3 (-0.5).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr. '92	*Revised Mar. '92*	*Revised Apr. '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	114.8	114.1	113.8
Employment	107.3	106.3	107.1
Unemployment	7.4	7.7	6.7
Rate (%)	6.5	6.8	5.9
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	126.6	126.7	127.3
Employment	119.2	118.0	119.1
Unemployment	7.4	8.7	8.2
Rate (%)	5.8	6.8	6.5
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	69.3	69.1	68.8
Employment	65.2	64.3	65.0
Unemployment	4.1	4.8	3.9
Rate (%)	6.0	7.0	5.6
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	67.6	67.1	68.1
Employment	63.3	62.5	64.2
Unemployment	4.4	4.7	3.9
Rate (%)	6.5	6.9	5.7
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	38.0	37.9	37.1
Employment	34.6	34.5	34.2
Unemployment	3.4	3.4	2.8
Rate (%)	9.0	9.0	7.7
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.8	11.7	11.6
Employment	10.2	10.1	10.1
Unemployment	1.6	1.7	1.5
Rate (%)	13.7	14.2	13.0
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	54.3	54.6	52.3
Employment	51.6	51.7	50.0
Unemployment	2.7	2.9	2.3
Rate (%)	4.9	5.3	4.4
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	13.9	13.9	14.2
Employment	12.8	12.8	13.1
Unemployment	1.1	1.1	1.1
Rate (%)	8.0	7.9	7.7
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.1	20.1	20.3
Employment	18.5	18.0	18.6
Unemployment	1.6	2.1	1.7
Rate (%)	8.0	10.2	8.4

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr. '92	*Revised Mar. '92*	*Revised Apr. '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	119.6	119.9	119.8
Employment	108.9	107.8	110.5
Unemployment	10.7	12.0	9.3
Rate (%)	9.0	10.0	7.7
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	131.3	132.7	133.9
Employment	119.7	118.4	120.7
Unemployment	11.6	14.3	13.2
Rate (%)	8.8	10.8	9.8
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	73.1	74.0	72.9
Employment	66.6	66.0	67.2
Unemployment	6.5	7.9	5.7
Rate (%)	8.9	10.7	7.9
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	71.6	71.9	72.3
Employment	64.7	64.3	66.4
Unemployment	6.8	7.7	5.8
Rate (%)	9.6	10.7	8.1
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	40.0	40.3	39.3
Employment	35.1	35.0	35.3
Unemployment	4.9	5.3	4.0
Rate (%)	12.2	13.2	10.1
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.7	12.8	12.6
Employment	10.3	10.2	10.5
Unemployment	2.3	2.6	2.1
Rate (%)	18.4	20.2	16.7
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	56.2	56.9	54.8
Employment	52.3	52.4	51.6
Unemployment	3.8	4.5	3.2
Rate (%)	6.8	7.9	5.8
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.6	14.7	15.1
Employment	13.0	13.0	13.5
Unemployment	1.6	1.7	1.5
Rate (%)	11.0	11.7	10.1
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.1	21.5	21.6
Employment	18.7	18.3	19.2
Unemployment	2.3	3.2	2.4
Rate (%)	11.0	14.9	11.0

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment advanced seasonally (+700) during April 1992 in the Charleston MSA. The goods-producing sector posted job gains of 700, entirely in construction (+700). Manufacturing fell slightly (-100), while mining increased by 100 jobs. The local service-producing sector remained unchanged as the advance in services (+200) was offset by slight declines in finance, insurance and real estate (-100) and government (-100). Comparison with year-ago April 1991 reveals an increase of 1,200 jobs. The MSA goods-producing sector fell by 100, during this period. However, the actual decline was 400 jobs, reflecting 300 workers involved in a labor-management dispute in the local chemical industry from a year ago. In the service-producing sector (+1,300) job gains were noted in services (+1,400) and total government (+300). Declines occurred in finance, insurance and real estate (-300) and transportation and public utilities (-100).

Unemployment: Resident-based total unemployment declined by 300 during April 1992, with the corresponding unemployment rate dropping to 6.5 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with April 1991 indicates an increase of 700 unemployed over the year, with the unemployment rate increasing from 5.9 percent to the current 6.5 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr. '92	*Revised Mar. '92*	*Revised Apr. '91*
Labor Force	114.8	114.1	113.8
Employment	107.3	106.3	107.1
Unemployment	7.4	7.7	6.7
Rate (%)	6.5	6.8	5.9

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr. '92	*Revised Mar. '92*	*Revised Apr. '91*
Labor Force	119.6	119.9	119.8
Employment	108.9	107.8	110.5
Unemployment	10.7	12.0	9.3
Rate (%)	9.0	10.0	7.7

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Apr.'92	*Revised Mar.'92*	*Revised Apr.'91*	*Change From: Mar. 1992*	*Apr. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	111.6	110.9	110.4	0.7	1.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	91.8	91.0	90.9	0.8	0.9
GOODS-PRODUCING	17.4	16.7	17.5	0.7	-0.1
Mining	2.2	2.1	2.4	0.1	-0.2
Construction	4.8	4.1	4.9	0.7	-0.1
Manufacturing	10.4	10.5	10.2	-0.1	0.2
Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.6	0.0	0.3
Nondurable Goods	8.5	8.6	8.6	-0.1	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.1	7.2	7.2	-0.1	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	94.2	94.2	92.9	0.0	1.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.6	8.6	8.7	0.0	-0.1
Trade	27.9	27.9	27.9	0.0	0.0
Wholesale Trade	7.1	7.1	7.2	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	20.8	20.8	20.7	0.0	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.3	6.4	6.6	-0.1	-0.3
Services	31.6	31.4	30.2	0.2	1.4
Health Services	11.7	11.7	11.2	0.0	0.5
Government	19.8	19.9	19.5	-0.1	0.3
Federal	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.0	0.1
State	9.2	9.3	8.9	-0.1	0.3
Local	8.5	8.5	8.6	0.0	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	-0.3

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings *Apr.'92*	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*	Average Weekly Hours *Apr.'92*	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*	Average Hourly Earnings *Apr.'92*	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*
Manufacturing	$645.02	$644.67	$614.95	44.7	43.5	43.8	$14.43	$14.82	$14.04
Nondurable Goods	681.77	678.97	660.80	43.9	43.0	44.8	15.53	15.79	14.75
Chemicals & Allied Products	801.74	791.20	750.67	47.3	46.0	46.8	16.95	17.20	16.04

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

Employment:Total nonfarm payroll employment grew by 900 in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA during April 1992. The goods-producing sector added 300 jobs, while the service-producing industries advanced by 600. Construction added 200 jobs and manufacturing advanced by 100 to account for the growth in the goods-producing industries. In the service-producing sector the service industries gained 600 jobs in the service producing sector.Comparison with a year-ago April 1991 shows a 500 job increase over the year. The goods-producing industries increased 100, while the service sector advanced by 400 jobs.

Unemployment: Unemployment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA decreased by 1300 to a level of 7400 jobless. The unemployment rate fell from 6.8 to 5.8 percent of the civilan labor force. April 1992 unemployment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA was 800 below the level for the same period in 1991.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr. '92	*Revised Mar. '92*	*Revised Apr. '91*
Labor Force	126.6	126.7	127.3
Employment	119.2	118.0	119.1
Unemployment	7.4	8.7	8.2
Rate (%)	5.8	6.8	6.5

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr. '92	*Revised Mar. '92*	*Revised Apr. '91*
Labor Force	131.3	132.7	133.9
Employment	119.7	118.4	120.7
Unemployment	11.6	14.3	13.2
Rate (%)	8.8	10.8	9.8

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Apr.'92	*Revised Mar.'92*	*Revised Apr.'91*	*Change From: Mar. 1992*	*Apr. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	110.9	110.0	110.4	0.9	0.5
PRIVATE SECTOR	91.0	90.1	90.4	0.9	0.6
GOODS-PRODUCING	25.7	25.4	25.6	0.3	0.1
Mining	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Construction	4.5	4.3	4.6	0.2	-0.1
Manufacturing	19.6	19.5	19.4	0.1	0.2
Durable Goods	11.4	11.2	11.3	0.2	0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.3	1.4	0.1	0.0
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.2	7.2	7.4	0.0	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	2.8	2.7	2.5	0.1	0.3
Nondurable Goods	8.2	8.3	8.1	-0.1	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.2	4.3	4.2	-0.1	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.0	0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	85.2	84.6	84.8	0.6	0.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.2	7.2	8.0	0.0	-0.8
Trade	27.6	27.6	27.4	0.0	0.2
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.5	5.5	-0.1	-0.1
Retail Trade	22.2	22.1	21.9	0.1	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.8	3.8	3.9	0.0	-0.1
Services	26.7	26.1	25.5	0.6	1.2
Health Services	11.1	11.0	10.6	0.1	0.5
Government	19.9	19.9	20.0	0.0	-0.1
Federal	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
State	5.0	5.1	5.2	-0.1	-0.2
Local	11.9	11.8	11.9	0.1	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr.'92	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*	*Apr.'92*	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*	*Apr.'92*	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*
Manufacturing	$580.18	$570.35	$513.32	41.8	41.3	37.8	$13.88	$13.81	$13.58
Durable Goods	593.05	574.23	513.86	40.9	40.1	36.6	14.50	14.32	14.04
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	628.74	466.49	576.40	49.9	38.3	44.0	12.60	12.18	13.10
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	633.52	650.31	537.14	39.3	40.9	34.3	16.12	15.90	15.66
Nondurable Goods	560.30	563.30	512.82	43.1	43.0	39.6	13.00	13.10	12.95

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA gained 700 during April 1992. Goods-producing posted 400 new jobs with advances occurring in construction (+200) and manufacturing (+300), whereas a moderate retreat was observed in mining (-100). Similarly, service-producing businesses created 300 additional jobs for the thirty day period. Mild increases appeared in finance, insurance, and real estate (+100), services (+100), and government (+100). Year ago comparisons reveal an increase of 400 in total nonfarm payroll employment in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA. During this period however, goods-producing employment declined 400. Losses were sustained in mining (-100), and construction (-300) while manufacturing remained unchanged. The service-producing sector, by comparison, realized an expansion of 800 jobs within this time frame. Improvements were recorded in trade (+300), services (+400), and government (+100).

Unemployment: Total unemployment improved 700 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA during April 1992. The unemployment rate reflected this change by decreasing from 7.0 to 6.0 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparing the current unemployment rate to April 1991 indicates an increase from 5.6 to 6.0 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr. '92	*Revised Mar. '92*	*Revised Apr. '91*
Labor Force	69.3	69.1	68.8
Employment	65.2	64.3	65.0
Unemployment	4.1	4.8	3.9
Rate (%)	6.0	7.0	5.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr. '92	*Revised Mar. '92*	*Revised Apr. '91*
Labor Force	73.1	74.0	72.9
Employment	66.6	66.0	67.2
Unemployment	6.5	7.9	5.7
Rate (%)	8.9	10.7	7.9

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Apr.'92	*Revised Mar.'92*	*Revised Apr.'91*	*Change From: Mar. 1992*	*Apr. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	61.[illegible]	60.7	61.0	0.7	0.4
PRIVATE SECTOR	51.2	50.6	50.9	0.6	0.3
GOODS-PRODUCING	16.6	16.2	17.0	0.4	-0.4
Mining	0.3	0.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.1
Construction	2.5	2.3	2.8	0.2	-0.3
Manufacturing	13.8	13.5	13.8	0.3	0.0
Durable Goods	6.8	6.6	6.7	0.2	0.1
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.6	1.7	0.0	-0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.9	2.8	2.7	0.1	0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.4	1.3	1.4	0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	7.0	6.9	7.1	0.1	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	5.2	5.1	5.4	0.1	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	44.8	44.5	44.0	0.3	0.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.6	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0
Trade	14.6	14.6	14.3	0.0	0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	11.7	11.7	11.5	0.0	0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.3	2.2	2.3	0.1	0.0
Services	15.1	15.0	14.7	0.1	0.4
Health Services	4.8	4.8	4.7	0.0	0.1
Government	10.2	10.1	10.1	0.1	0.1
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
State	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Local	7.2	7.1	7.0	0.1	0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr.'92	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*	*Apr.'92*	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*	*Apr.'92*	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*
Manufacturing	$590.80	$575.91	$562.38	40.3	40.5	40.9	$14.66	$14.22	$13.75
Durable Goods	454.67	465.26	473.39	36.2	37.4	38.3	12.56	12.44	12.36
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	522.00	561.04	544.33	40.0	42.6	41.3	13.05	13.17	13.18
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	455.46	447.11	471.84	33.1	32.9	35.8	13.76	13.59	13.18
Nondurable Goods	767.30	714.40	668.56	45.7	44.4	44.1	16.79	16.09	15.16

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 400 during April 1992 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area. The majority of this increase took place in the service-producing sector (+300). The goods-producing sector also had a slight increase (+100). Government, services, and FIRE all increased by 100 while TPU and trade remained stable in the service-producing sector. In the goods-producing sector, construction had a seasonal increase of 200 while manufacturing decreased by 100 and mining remained stable. Comparison with year-ago April 1991 figures indicates a decline of 700 jobs in nonfarm payroll. A severe decrease was seen in the goods-producing sector (-600). The decrease was particularly heavy in manufacturing (-500). The service-producing sector decreased by 100. Services (+600), TPU (+100) and FIRE (+100) all had increases while decreases were seen in trade (-500), and government (-400). No labor-management disputes were recorded for April 1992.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Resident-based total unemployment decreased by 300 during April 1992 in the MSA, with the corresponding unemployment rate decreasing to 6.5 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data indicates an increase of 500 unemployed over the year with the unemployment rate advancing from 5.7 percent to the current 6.5 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr. '92	*Revised Mar. '92*	*Revised Apr. '91*
Labor Force	67.6	67.1	68.1
Employment	63.3	62.5	64.2
Unemployment	4.4	4.7	3.9
Rate (%)	6.5	6.9	5.7

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr. '92	*Revised Mar. '92*	*Revised Apr. '91*
Labor Force	71.6	71.9	72.3
Employment	64.7	64.3	66.4
Unemployment	6.8	7.7	5.8
Rate (%)	9.6	10.7	8.1

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Apr.'92	*Revised Mar.'92*	*Revised Apr.'91*	*Change From: Mar. 1992*	*Apr. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	58.8	58.4	59.5	0.4	-0.7
PRIVATE SECTOR	49.6	49.3	49.9	0.3	-0.3
GOODS-PRODUCING	10.3	10.2	10.9	0.1	-0.6
Mining	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-0.1
Construction	1.6	1.4	1.6	0.2	0.0
Manufacturing	6.8	6.9	7.3	-0.1	-0.5
Durable Goods	2.6	2.7	2.8	-0.1	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	4.2	4.2	4.5	0.0	-0.3
SERVICE-PRODUCING	48.5	48.2	48.6	0.3	-0.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.1
Trade	14.8	14.8	15.3	0.0	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.7	2.7	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	12.1	12.1	12.6	0.0	-0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.2	3.1	3.1	0.1	0.1
Services	18.0	17.9	17.4	0.1	0.6
Health Services	8.0	7.9	7.7	0.1	0.3
Government	9.2	9.1	9.6	0.1	-0.4
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-0.1
Local	6.6	6.5	6.9	0.1	-0.3
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr.'92	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*	*Apr.'92*	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*	*Apr.'92*	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*
Manufacturing	$640.76	$560.11	$623.07	41.5	39.5	43.0	$15.44	$14.18	$14.49
Nondurable Goods	735.74	625.40	666.43	45.5	42.4	43.7	16.17	14.75	15.25
Durable Goods	523.75	479.98	568.86	36.6	35.9	42.2	14.31	13.37	13.48

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date	NONFARM JOB OPENINGS Active File	Received Program Year to Date	Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total	Applicant / Openings Program Year to Date	Active File / Unfilled Openings End of Month
TOTAL	174,675	71,507	30,868	2,684	1,564	21,969	5.7	26.6
Professional, Technical & Managerial	18,404	7,244	1,203	195	110	472	15.3	37.1
Clerical & Sales	46,346	16,295	7,175	808	513	4,364	6.5	20.2
Services	21,636	7,585	6,201	552	271	4,243	3.5	13.7
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	1,732	799	158	37	31	53	11.0	21.6
Processing	9,730	4,502	782	152	129	647	12.4	29.6
Machine Trades	11,941	5,359	1,118	95	51	690	10.7	56.4
Benchwork	6,942	2,986	762	92	78	461	9.1	32.5
Structural Work	30,344	14,380	1,942	224	96	1,114	15.6	64.2
Miscellaneous	35,565	14,122	11,527	529	285	9,925	3.1	26.7
Transportation	8,002	3,549	1,060	126	61	582	7.5	28.2
Packaging & Materials Handling	19,815	6,246	9,683	208	175	8,949	2.0	30.0
Other	7,748	4,327	784	195	49	394	9.9	22.2
Entry Total	20	1	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

	Apr. 1992	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1991	Percent Change: Mar. 1992	Apr. 1991
Initial Claims	8,870	8,100	8,724	9.5	1.7
Weeks Claimed	103,757	131,515	122,623	-21.1	-15.4
Benefits Paid	$13,662,041	$17,258,881	$16,527,884	-20.8	-17.3
Weeks Compensated	89,140	113,553	105,398	-21.5	-15.4
Average Weekly Payment	$153.26	$151.99	$156.81	0.8	-2.3
Trust Fund Balance, End of Month	$130,221,493	$119,610,882	$125,534,604	-8.9	3.7

Workers' Compensation

Select Workers' Compensation Claims Activities

	Apr. 1992	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1991	Percent Change: Mar. 1992	Apr. 1991
Temporary Disability Benefits Paid	6,259,091	6,084,151	5,618,488	2.9	11.4
Medical Benefits Paid	6,952,892	10,005,748	7,020,281	-30.5	-1.0
Permanent Partial Disability Benefits Paid	5,587,950	4,255,235	6,851,700	31.3	-18.4
Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	10,209,447	7,880,248	6,428,740	29.6	58.8
Benefits to Dependents of Fatalities	1,683,213	1,609,873	1,674,033	4.6	0.5
Funeral Benefits Paid	20,871	38,500	24,500	-45.8	-14.8
Miscellaneous Benefits Paid*	334,862	192,351	528,764	74.1	-36.7
DWRF** Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	573,240	594,479	604,852	-3.6	-5.2
DWRF** Benefits Paid to Dependents of Fatalities	970,139	963,815	973,218	0.7	-0.3
Sum of All Benefits Paid	32,591,704	31,624,400	29,724,576	3.1	9.6

** Includes returned benefit checks, attorney fees and specified dependent benefits.*
*** Disabled Workers' Relief Fund provides benefits to meet the weekly minimum benefit payable for worker's injured prior to July 1, 1971.*

Select Job Training Partnership Act Characteristics

Performance Standard Report
July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991

Job Training Program	Standard	Actual
Entered Employment Rate - Adults	68	68
Average Wage at Placements Adults	4.95	4.81
Cost Per Entered Employment Adults	4,500	2,284
Entered Employment Rate - Welfare Recipients	56	58
Entered Employment Rate - Youth (Out of School Programs)	45	53
Positive Termination Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	75	85
Cost Per Positive Termination - Youth	4,900	2,101
Employability Enhancement Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	33	52

Characteristics	Enrolled	Positive Outlook*
Adult	8,582	6,951
Female	5,406	4,379
Male	3,176	2,572
Youth	7,326	5,495
Female	3,882	2,912
Male	3,444	2,583
School Dropout	**	2,341
High School Graduate /Equivalent or above	**	6,355
Single Parent	**	2,777
Black	**	904
Hispanic	**	35
Handicapped	**	1,059
Unemployed	**	6,648
Welfare	**	2,841
Veterans	**	772

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